

Our friend, Dad Wright, who has a penchant for catching and giving aid and comfort to all the stray dogs in the country, made a catch in his net a few nights ago that he was not looking for. While seated in one of the saloons he was approached by a burly individual of about 35 years of age and the following conversation ensued:

"Good evening, father!"

"Good-evening." (Slight pause).

"Don't know me, do you?"

"Don't know that I've had the honor of meeting you before."

"Well, I'll just make you know me. Ye don't remember, do ye, when you was jumping from tree to tree, and me after ye with a shotgun? Ye don't remember about poor mother writing to you to give me an education, and you taking no notice of it."

"I surely don't remember getting the letter; don't think I could have got it; if I had, would have sent you the education by telegraph."

"O-o-o-o; you got the letter all right, and now you know me. I am your son, your long abandoned and neglected son."

"Don't think that can be so; was expecting my stray children to be a little off-color."

"Well, I am not off-color, and my soul is not off-color, neither was my poor mother. Poor woman, she's dead now, and I'm an orphan."

At this point Dad assured the man that he should have lodgings for the night, begging him not to give him away to his other son, and stepping to the door beckoned to Constable Hamilton, who happened to be standing near, and instructed the officer to give him the best bed in the cooler. The next morning the man was brought before his honor, who ascertained that the man had been on a prolonged drunk and probably had a touch of the "jimmie-;" that his name was Gray, and been at work for the telephone company. He was discharged with the admonition to get out of town and make his escape from the lunatic hunter.

Recent developments go to prove that a railroad from Morenci, Arizona, direct to Deming is a great deal near being consummated than the quietness regarding the affair would indicate. It will be no great surprise to those who are on the inside of the scheme to see active operations begun before cold weather sets in. —Headlight.

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